GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Registration and Stamps Department - Adverse News published in Sakshi newspaper on 12.07.2021 against Joint Sub Registrar, Nellore regarding Prohibited land Registration in Nellore registration district - Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore has been appointed as Preliminary Enquiry Officer - Report Submitted - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore for inaction, delay and submission of incomplete report, under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.443 Dated:17-06-2022
Read the following:

1. C&IG Lr.No.Vig.3/X1/5407/2021, dated.25.09.2021.
2. Govt., Memo No.REV01-REGS0CIRV/19/2021-VIG-II, Rev (Vig-II) Dept., dt.21.12.2021.
3. G.O.Ms.No.459, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, Dated 17.06.2022.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and Appeal) Rules.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore is directed to submit her written statement of defence, within ten days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on hers behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. *(with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).*
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT D.SAILAJA, THE THEN DISTRICT REGISTRAR, NELLORE.

Charge-I :

That the said Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore has committed grave misconduct in as much as she has submitted preliminary enquiry report on 6.8.2021, which is incomplete and without proper scrutiny and verification and submitted the enquiry report with a lot of delay, on the allegations levelled in the adverse news published in Sakshi newspaper on 12.07.2021 against Joint Sub Registrar, Nellore regarding prohibited land registrations in Nellore Registration District.

Thus, by the above mentioned acts, Smt D.Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore has shown lack of integrity, discipline and devotion towards duty and thereby contravened Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT D.SAILAJA, THE THEN DISTRICT REGISTRAR, NELLORE.

BASIS OF CHARGES :

The news item highlighted registration of certain Government lands by the Joint Sub Registrar, Nellore. On visit of Joint Inspector General - I and on scrutiny of records of Deputy Inspector General, Nellore and District Registrar, Nellore, the following omissions have been noticed and reported:

1. Doct.No:4191/2020 of R.O, Nellore:- The Government land registered in Sy.No:108/3 of Ambapuram Village, Nellore Rural Mandal.
2. Survey No:2066/2B1:- Registration of Government land in Sy. No 2066/2B1: On verification of 22(A) list provided by Deputy Inspector General, Nellore, the Sy.No:2066/2 is not there in the list. Since the matter was brought to the notice through media, the list of Sy.Nos of the village were verified through "MEE BHOOMI" web site. It is found that Sy.No:2066/2B1 with an extent of Ac 2.50 Cents is there in the "ADANGAL" and it is classified as Government land. The extent is Ac 2.50 Cents which *tallies with the news item.* On verification of Encumbrance Data, 39 documents were found to be registered and no report was submitted so far, either by Deputy Inspector General or District Registrar. No action initiated, even though both of them are aware of the adverse News item.
3. Doct. No: 10854/2019, 10864/2019, 10529/2019 of R.O. Nellore:
   The scheduled property of these documents are in prohibited list and no action was taken so far.
4. Doct.No:5114/2020, 5115/2020 of R.O, Nellore: The Deputy Inspector General, Nellore has stated that the Commercial Tax Department has put some part of the land under prohibition.
5. There is no response even that of verification of facts was not visible on the part of the Officials at District Level. This eventually led to the unwanted outcome that the District Registrar, Nellore and Deputy Inspector General were taken for granted by the subordinates and doing violations at will, resulting in huge loss to the State and Public.

Further, enquiry on the issues by Additional Inspector General (R&S} on 09.09.2021, the following omissions are reported.

1. The Deputy Inspector General of R&S /District Registrar admitted that one document of land covered under prohibited property has been registered by the Joint Sub Registrar, Nellore and remaining alleged documents are registered as per the information available on record.
2. They are admitted that the Survey Number alleged to be registered government land are not covered under prohibited list supplied by the revenue department. But on further examination by the officer from Head of the Department on detail probe with revenue records.
3. 39 documents of government lands were registered which are prohibited from registration.
4. Neither the preliminary enquiry officer (District Registrar, Nellore) nor the disciplinary authority (Deputy Inspector General of R&S, Nellore) has observed the above facts due to which government land became alienated.
5. District Registrar, Nellore preliminary enquiry officer failed to verify the allegations and submitted incomplete report facilitating the default officers.
6. District Registrar, Nellore omitted to observe the above during enquiry.

Therefore, the then District Registrar, Nellore, Smt. D.Sailaja, is responsible for submission of preliminary enquiry officer report without scrutiny and verification.

Thus, Smt. D. Sailaja, the then District Registrar, Nellore has rendered herself liable for disciplinary action for major penalty.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT D.SAILAJA, THE THEN DISTRICT REGISTRAR, NELLORE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Paper clipping on 12.07.2021 in Sakshi News paper.
2. Letter No.G1/1454/2021, dated:6.8.2021 of the District Registrar, Nellore addressed to the DIG, R&S, Nellore
3. Detailed report submitted by the Joint IG- I of this office on 24.08.2021.
4. Deposition of District Registrar, Gudur, dated.08.09.2021.
5. Deposition of DIG, Nellore, dated.09.09.2021.
6. Observation of Additional Inspector General of R&S, O/o C&IG of R&S, AP., Vijayawada, dated.09.09.2021.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT D.SAILAJA, THE THEN DISTRICT REGISTRAR, NELLORE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-Nil-

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